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1. BUDAPEST UNIVERSITY, Department of Physiology:

Professor: Peter Balint,

The actual scientific leader there is Professor Esther Kokas,

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2. BUDAPEST UNIVERSITY, Department of Biochemistry:

Professor: Bruno Straub, former First Assistant of A. Szent-Györgyi,

Professor Straub's first assistant, István Feuer.

3. BUDAPEST UNIVERSITY, Department of Pathophysiology:

Professor: Joseph Sós, former assistant of Professor G. Mansfeld.

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25 YEAR RE-REVIEW

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Tibor Kemeny,

4. BUDAPEST UNIVERSITY, Department of Pharmacology:

Professor: Béla Issekutz

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5. BUDAPEST UNIVERSITY, Department of Medical Research:

Professor: Mihály Gerendás.

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6. BUDAPEST UNIVERSITY, Surgical Research Laboratory:

This laboratory is run by Professor György Iudán.

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7. BUDAPEST UNIVERSITY, Brewery Research Laboratory:

This laboratory, operating in the vicinity of Budapest in the great breweries,
is run by Béla Johann.

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8. PECS UNIVERSITY, Department of Physiology:

This department is headed by Kálmán Lissák, a US-trained neurophysiologist.

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The Department does not publish in Western journals, as a matter of policy, but
appears to be quite active.

9. PECS UNIVERSITY, Department of Medical Physics:

This department is run by Jenő Ernst.

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10. PECS UNIVERSITY, Department of Pharmacology:

Professor: Gyula Mähes.

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11. PECS UNIVERSITY, Department of Pathophysiology:Professor: Szilárd Donhoffer,On his staff: Gyula Mestyán and József Kardos12. SZEGED UNIVERSITY, Department of Physiology:This department is run by Béla Isaszutz, Jr,The two senior staff-men are Doctor István Lichtenegger and Géza Hetényi, Jr,13. SZEGED UNIVERSITY, Department of Pharmacology:Professor: Miklós Jancsó,

Work seems to lag in the department now.

14. SZEGED UNIVERSITY, Department of Bacteriology:Professor: György Ivanovics,14. SZEGED UNIVERSITY, Research Division of the Department of Medicine:The department is led by Professor Géza Hetényi, Sr.Doctor György Káleman is a fellow of the Lady Tata Memorial Fund and publishes in British Journals. Doctor Dénes Halmagyi

Doctor György Bikich

Doctor Carla Scossa

15. UNIVERSITY OF DEBRECEN, Department of Physiology:Professor: István Went,

Work from the department appears negligible.

16. UNIVERSITY OF DEBRECEN, Department of Pathophysiology:Professor: Loránt Kezdy, a German-trained young physiologist

The department is doing a good deal of work and is publishing regularly in German journals.

17. UNIVERSITY OF DEBRECEN, Department of Anatomy:Professor: Imre Törö

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18.. UNIVERSITY OF DEBRECEN, Department of Pharmacology:

Professor: Gyula Valyi-Nagy,

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There were indications a few years back that tracer work in Hungary will be centered around that University.

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19.. JOURNALS

(a) Kiserletes Orvostudomány (Experimental Medicine) is now in its fifth year, about eight-hundred pages yearly. Papers are in Hungarian with Russian, German, French and some English summaries. Length of papers are 4-12 pages.

(b) Acta Physiologica Academiae Scientiarum Hungaricae, papers are in foreign languages, with summaries in the other foreign languages. About five-hundred pages, length of papers, 8-20 pages. Rejection rates must be fairly high because of the quality of the articles and the large incentive to have papers published in it.

20. RESEARCH PROGRAM CHANGES:

No definite research plan existed in 1945. Departments were working on projects carried over from pre-war days or on work feasible under the extremely difficult condition. Reorganization was slow because of the difficulties of getting apparatus and reagents.

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research still is greatly hampered by lack of such equipment as spectrophotometers, oscillographs (although there is a well workable model of the latter in limited production), automatic scales (and Czech models will be available), analytical reagents (the Czech and Soviet products were deplorable), precision glassware, etc. The aim in organizing research was to centralize certain problems in departments best equipped for solving it. Research projects had to be submitted in writing and when approved progress reports were required every six months or so. The paper-work involved was enormous and cut down markedly on the time available for research. Another defect was the lack of leeway in the projects. These things were, however, all in their embryonal stage at the time when this information was obtained

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little has been done to improve the situation.

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